

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 812

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gay Chamberlain on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.17 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.5 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Gay Chamberlain of Lafayette is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a board member of the Friends of Winding Stairs Park, Ms. Chamberlain is a thirty-year member of the Lafayette Garden Club, which maintains the flowers and beautification projects for the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, Gay Chamberlain has served on the board of Macon Helps for twenty-five years; the organization assists the needy and elderly with food and monthly utility bills, helps

meet the needs of terminally ill patients, and partners with Santa's Helpers and the Bledsoe Baptist Association to benefit children at Christmas; and

WHEREAS, a twelve-year member of the Macon County Arts Council (MCAC), Ms. Chamberlain served as the membership chair until recently; the MCAC hosts the Nashville Symphony in concert each year and sponsors The Young Americans in Macon County; the annual Art in the Park; and art, photography shows, and public-building art around the Lafayette square; and

WHEREAS, Gay Chamberlain is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Gay Chamberlain for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.